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Introduction



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Gangs



While there is no agreed upon definition of a gang, all gangs are classified by the following:

- The group has three or more members, generally aged 12-24.
- Members share an identity, typically linked to a name, and often other symbols.
- Members view themselves as a gang, and they are recognized by others as a gang.
- The group has some permanence and a degree of organization.
- The group is involved in an elevated level of criminal activity.

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Warning Signs of Gang



The graphic features a dark background with a close-up of a young man in a hoodie on the left. The text "Warning Signs" is overlaid in large, white, outlined letters. At the top, there are five numbered markers (1-5) in white circles. To the right of the markers, a text box reads: "Click each marker to learn about the early warning signs someone may exhibit after they have become involved with a gang." Below this, five dark rectangular boxes list the warning signs:

- Experimenting with drugs
- Dramatic drop in grades
- Skipping school
- Avoiding family
- Rebelling at home and at school

Law enforcement officials, who watch gangs carefully, advise that there are some early warning signs that individuals exhibit when they are associated with gang activity. Click each marker to learn about these early warning signs:

- Experimenting with drugs
- Dramatic drop in grades
- Skipping School
- Avoiding family
- Rebelling at home and at school